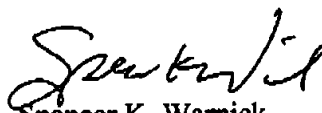


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. By this Response, Applicants provisionally elect Species II (claims 11-23), with traverse.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Le during the telephone conversation of November 29, 2004. During the telephone conversation, it was agreed that claims 11-23 correspond to Species II and FIGS. 3-5. No claims were considered generic. Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner require anything further from Applicants, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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